



# TURNER BUILDING pre-1850

## 96 - 100 King St. West



### DIRECTORY LISTINGS::

- 1857/1900:: Alan Turner & Co., druggists (98\*/96\*)
- 1910:: Grace's fancy goods (98), N Pulos, shoe shine (96)
- 1913:: Grace's fancy goods (98), M. Leras, shoe shine (96)
- 1919:: Grace's fancy goods (98), Caplanedis & Economos, shoe shine (96)
- 1924:: G.A. Walter, shoe repairer (98), Allie's Shoe Shine Parlour (96)
- 1926:: (98) and (96) addresses do not exist

The Turner Building appears on Herman Brosius's 1874 drawing map. It also appears on other maps dating back to 1853. Probably the westerly left half of the structure was built first, with the easterly right addition added afterward.

The 19th century numbering system gave this address as 98 & 100 Main St. (1867), 108 - 110 King St. (1887). Numbers changed several times during this period, before stabilizing in the first decade of the 20th century.

Alan Turner & Co. seems to have occupied both sides of the building during his tenure. Turner not only had been a druggist, but also a chemist, manufacturing/selling lead and colored paints. Alan Turner & Co. can be traced back as far as 1857 in business directories. He does not appear in an 1851 directory. He is not listed under Drugs in the 1903 Business Directory, or any afterward. This indicates that the business had closed shortly after the new century arrived after at least a couple of decades or more in business in this location.

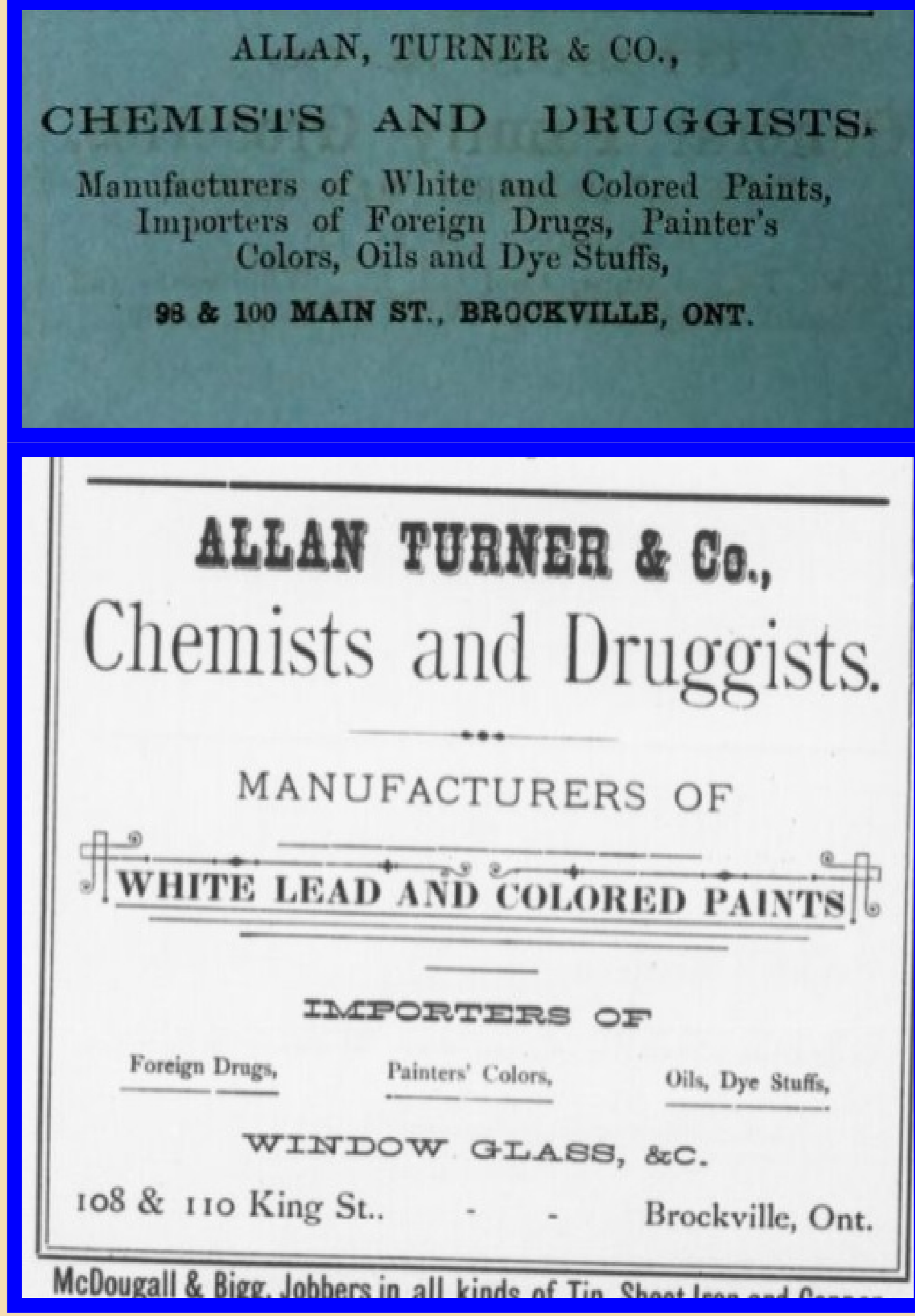
G.H. Turner & Co. (George), druggists appear in directories for many years from the 1860's onward and was probably a family member, possibly a brother. His business was located beside the Willson Hotel.

The 1900 directory shows Allan Turner living in the building. Also living there is Mrs. Mary Turner. She is still living in the building in 1924, long after Allan Turner and his business is gone.

## THE c1925 FIRE

(later)

## ADVERTISING



Turner druggist ad, 1869 & 1887.

# THE REPLACEMENT CIBC BLOCK c1932 98 King St. West



### DIRECTORY LISTINGS::

- 1929:: Popejoy & Co., florists (100); Canadian Bank of Commerce (98), Blanche Row, milliner (96)
- 1931:: The Flower Shop (100); Canadian Bank of Commerce (98), Blanche Row, milliner (96)
- 1935/1954:: The Flower Shop (100); Canadian Bank of Commerce (98); Harry Toop, barber (96)
- 1956:: The Wool Box (100); Canadian Bank of Commerce (98); Blanchard's Barber Shop (96)
- 1961:: Canadian Bank of Commerce (98); Blanchard's Barber Shop (96)
- 1963:: Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (98); Blanchard's Barber Shop (96)
- 1966:: Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (98); Bank of Commerce Barber Shop (96)
- 1969/1971:: Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (98); Jack's Barber Shop (96)
- 1973:: Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (98); H. Knapp Barber Shop (96)
- 1976/1978:: Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (98); vacant (96)
- 1980:: Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (98); Douglas W. Wyatt, lawyer (96)
- 1982:: Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (98); vacant (96)
- 1984/2021:: Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (98)

The new building was built by the Canadian Bank of Commerce c1927. It was built with three wings, the main three-story bank building in the middle with a two-story wing on each side.

In 1961, they merged with Imperial Bank of Canada to form the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. CIBC managers through the years were J.C. Hutchison, 1930s; H.W. Lapp, 1940s; F.J. Petrie, 1950s; E.B. Base (who lived upstairs), 1960s & 1970s; D. Soule, 1970s.

The left wing (#100) was occupied by The Flower Shop for most of its existence as an independent spot. It actually started out as Popejoy & Co., florists, around 1928, but changed it's name by 1930. The business was run by Stanley C. Popejoy (w/Jennie), who resided at 184 Pearl St. W. Postwar years saw the business under the umbrella of Island City Greenhouses, owned by Albert and Marcell Orovan. They are wholesale florists located at 14 Central Ave. By 1955, this location closed and moved to the Central Ave. address. In the mid-1970s, The Flower Shop would not only return to King St. (82 W.), but also open a third location in the 1000 Islands Mall.

The right wing (#96) was a barbershop for most of its independent life. Starting with Harry Toop around 1932 to around 1955. It was followed by Blanchard's Barber Shop who was there until around 1965. Charles A. Blanchard (w/Gertrude) resided in Bellamy, north of Brockville. Bank of Commerce Barber Shop was owned by Sidney H. Toop, probably a son of Harry, had a brief stay until around 1967 and was followed by H. Knapp. This location closed c1974 after over 40 years as a barbershop.

Douglas W. Wyatt, B.A., L.L.B. was a Barrister, Solicitor and Notary Public.

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The Flower Shop, 1954.